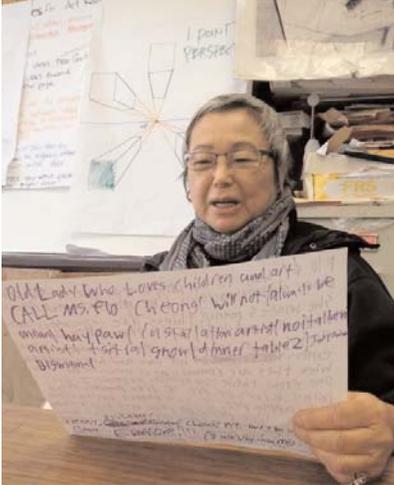




Individually, we are one drop.
Together, we are an ocean.
-- Ryunosuke Satoro

Flo Oy Wong 's Artist in Residency Begins at Mayeda Campus



Students in 6th and 7th grades have enjoyed the first classroom sessions with artist Flo Oy Wong as she begins her residency at Rooftop this year.

Mrs. Flo (as the students call her), creates art that shares stories of individuals, families, communities and cultures. Flo shares the extraordinary narratives of ordinary people through multi-media installations, using materials including cloth rice sacks, sequins, beads, old suitcases, scanned photographs, magazine text, Chinese funeral paper, flags of the United States, needle, and thread. Her works have been exhibited in galleries across the country, as well as in Denmark and China.

With our students, Flo shared her own work and approach to artmaking, including her "Art Pies" which she creates to honor individuals she meets, and "Baby Jack Rice Story" which tells the story of her husband's experience growing up Chinese-American in the segregated South and his friendship with African American young men who lived next door. Students shared stories of their own connections with family members and others they find heroic, as well as experimenting with some of Mrs. Flo's art techniques with needle, thread and beading.

Flo will continue her classroom sessions at Rooftop next month, with visits to all of our K-8 classrooms. To learn more about Flo and her work, please visit her website at: <http://www.flo-oy-wongartist.com/>



The Morning After

It is now 6:16 am, the morning after my beginning at Rooftop School. I am filled with thoughts and feelings of my experiences - looking at bulletin boards, colorful art displays, meeting teachers, teaching classes, showing power points, and spending time with both Andi Wong and Cyndy Sugawara at both campuses of Rooftop on Tuesday, September 11, and Wednesday, September 12. I feel as if I had come home...

Flo Oy Wong Journal Entry

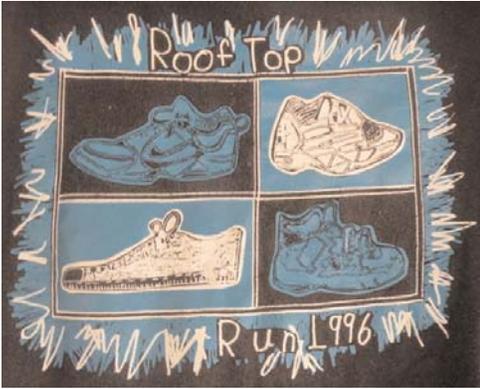
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SFJazz Family Matinee - Saturday, Oct. 20 11 am Herbst Theatre

The Marcus Shelby Trio shares the genius of Thelonious Monk with music lovers of all ages. Marcus has arranged for complimentary tickets for Rooftop students and their immediate families. To reserve your tickets, RSVP to Amy at rooftopartparent@gmail.com

Rooftop Spirit Shines with Student Participation in the Run Shirt Design



The front of this newsletter features a sneak preview of this year's Rooftop Run T-shirt design, which includes drawings of sea animals from more than 200 Rooftop Students! The design features a wave full of bio-diverse sea life, encircling a blue sphere, representing both our school's participation in the Blue Marbles Project, and our ocean covered Mother Earth. Thank you to Sebastian and Ramona Dragnea for their work with our kids on this year's design!

Did you know that the Rooftop Run was started in 1982 by parent and sensory motor teacher Ann Henry? Every year, student artwork has been chosen for a t-shirt design to commemorate the event. Past years' designs have included picnic ants, snails, bumble bees, tributes to VanGogh and Picasso, and many more! We invite you to visit Rooftop's history website to view a gallery of Rooftop Run t-shirts, beginning with the first Run shirt from 1982 which features the Rooftop Mascot and favorite motivational primate, Kong! <http://tinyurl.com/9j3zntx>



ROOFTOP ART CALENDAR Upcoming Events

Thursday, 10/4 - 8 am Burnett MPR
Art Parent Art Making Workshop
*Join us as we take this year's
Trim-A-Tree Design Test-Drive!*

Sunday, 10/7 - 2:30 pm
Moby Dick Dress Rehearsal
*Rooftop's 6th grade class visits the War
Memorial Opera House for the performance*

Thursday, 10/18 - 5:30 pm Burnett MPR
KINDERGARTEN Family Art Night
*A fun evening of art and storytelling
with Brenda Wong Aoki for our
newest community members.*

Saturday, 10/20 - 10 am - 3 pm
LEAP Sandcastle Classic at Ocean Beach
*Cheer on our 5th graders as they
create their own design in sand!*

Sunday, 10/21 - 11 am SOTA Track
Join the fun at the ROOFTOP RUN!!

Wednesday, 11/7 - 6:30 pm Burnett MPR
ALL-SCHOOL Family Art Night
*Artist-in-Residence Flo Oy Wong
hosts an evening of sharing and
artmaking for Rooftop families.*

Art Parent Volunteering Begins in Classrooms

With the first few weeks of school under our belts, our faithful Art Parents have begun their arts lessons in our lower campus classrooms. Every week, volunteers share their talents and caring with our students as they embark on artistic explorations. Students have enjoyed lessons in painting and drawing, origami, sculpture, collage and even explorations in dance and drama.

Rooftop's Art Parents are a cornerstone of Rooftop Spirit and the sense of community that we strive to foster in our children. We are grateful for your efforts and look forward to seeing the art that is created this year when students, teachers and parents collaborate!

